



III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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The sliding layer 3 contains 1 to 20 vol% of bismuth powder and/or bismuth alloy powder, 20 to 60 vol% of metal powder, and 1 to 20 vol% of a solid lubricant, the sum thereof being not more than 70 vol%, and the balance being a thermosetting resin. The bismuth alloy powder is formed by adding silver, tin, zinc, indium, etc. to bismuth, and the content of added elements is in the range of 0.5 to 30 mass%, preferably 5 to 15 mass%, with respect to 100 mass% of bismuth. The metal powder is selected from any one kind of copper-tin based alloy, copper-zinc based alloy, copper-aluminum based alloy, aluminum-tin based alloy, and aluminum-silicon based alloy. The solid lubricant is selected from at least ~~on~~ one kind of PTFE, Gr, and MoS₂. The bismuth powder and/or bismuth alloy powder, metal powder, and solid lubricant are mixed with the thermosetting resin so that the sum of the contents is not more than 70 vol%. The thermosetting resin, being the balance, is selected from at least one kind of phenolic resin, polyimide resin, polyamide-imide resin, and epoxy resin.